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SIR:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 8, and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for hierarchical software distribution allowing
distribution of a software package comprising at least a first and second package to a plurality of
target nodes, wherein the contents of said first and second package are determined by a
distribution server before the contents are distributed without the plurality of target nodes
initiating the distribution, said apparatus comprising:
- a distribution node for transmitting packages of software;
 - a first branch node in communication with said distribution node, said first branch node
being arranged to receive said software package from said distribution node;

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